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(54) Abstract Title: Remapping component facilitating a link between an executable and a function held in an extension dynamic link library.

(57) A remapping component is provided for facilitating a link between an executable and a function held in a new dynamic link library (DLL) in a computing device. The remapping component is provided with a relocation instruction arranged to update, upon loading, an export data table entry for the remapping component with the address location of the function in the new dynamic link library. In this way, the executable, when calling for the function at an address location in a known DLL, will automatically jump to the address location for the function in the new DLL. The additional subroutines usually associated with remapping DLLs can therefore be avoided, providing improved operation for the computing device.

Step 1 Remapping component before Loading

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|---|--------------|
| A | export 1 = ? |
| A+1 | export 2 = ? |
| A+2 | export 3 = ? |
| Relocations | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set A to be contents of export 3 in new.dll Set A+1 to be contents of export 2 in new.dll Set A+2 to be contents of export 1 in another.dll | |

Step 4 Execution Sequence

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|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1000 | call 1009 |
| 1009 | jump to address in 1010 |
| 3027 | <instructions to implement foo()> |

Step 2 Loading of executable, remapping component and new.dll

| Executable | Remapping Component | new.dll |
|---|--|--|
| 1000 call 1009 | 2000 export 1 = ? | 3000 export 1 = 3019 |
| 1009 jump to address in 1010 | 2001 export 2 = ? | 3001 export 2 = 3006 |
| | 2002 export 3 = ? | 3002 export 3 = 3027 |
| 1010 data = ? | set 2000 to be contents of export 3 in new.dll | |
| set 1010 to be contents of export 1 in original.dll | | 3027 <instructions to implement foo()> |

Step 3 Complete the relocations

| Executable | Remapping Component | new.dll |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1000 call 1009 | 2000 export 1 = 3027 | 3000 export 1 = 3019 |
| 1009 jump to address in 1010 | 2001 export 2 = 3006 | 3001 export 2 = 3006 |
| | 2002 export 3 = 4011 | 3002 export 3 = 3027 |
| 1010 data = 3027 | | 3027 <instructions to implement foo()> |

Fig. 3.



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